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# Greenbelt Legion Post #136 Hosts Rolling Thunder Contingent, Again

by Rick Ransom

More than 400 motorcycles rolled out of the parking lot at the Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 at 8:45 a.m. on Sunday, May 25 for the "Ride to the Wall" at the Vietnam Memorial to celebrate Memorial Day. The Legion had provided a breakfast prior to departure with the swamped volunteers trying hard to keep up with the demand for eggs, bacon, biscuits, coffee and juice. The Post 136 group formed its own parade which started down Greenbelt Road and made a U-turn at Greenbelt Park to get back to the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

The procession continued on to Kenilworth Avenue and down to Howard Road, across the Frederick Douglas Bridge to Interstate 395 and then into the Mall area. While a few of the riders broke off to go to the staging area for the actual parade of motorcycles through Washington, most followed police escorts to parking areas where they rested their two-wheeled vehicles (and a

few three-wheelers) on their side stands and walked to Constitution Avenue.

Many of the cycles held two riders who were accompanied on other bikes by friends. My wife and I rode my Yamaha Road Star and my nephew rode his Harley Classic slightly ahead of us. Many wore their "leathers" (vests and jackets) which mostly proclaimed their Harley-Davidson affiliation, although some also contained references to various riding groups and previous "Rolling Thunder" episodes.

Some showed flags on their clothing and many of the motorcycles were festooned with American flags of various sizes as well as the black flag extolling the continuing search and memory of MIAs-POWs (Missing-In-Action, Prisoner-of-War).

We were with a group that was directed to a parking area on the other side of the 14th Street Bridge near Haines Point. It was quite a trek to the Wall as we ambled along the Tidal Basin, See LEGION, page 2

through the FDR Memorial, past the Lincoln Memorial and the stage erected for later ceremonies and onto Constitution Avenue. There a group of tents had been pitched to house merchants and food vendors in an area aptly called "Thunder Alley." We bought T-shirts and pins that appropriately marked the event and walked back across the Avenue to await the start of the parade at noon. It was humbling to see so many veterans in the area, many wearing clothing marking their service in the Vietnam War or their support for those who

We stayed and viewed the first 30 minutes of the parade (which lasted four hours) and then headed back to the lot and to our starting point. The Legion held a reception afterward on the lawn for the returning bikers. It also sponsored the memorial celebration the next morning at Roosevelt Center as

# Final Budget Worksession Posits 10% Property Assessment Boost

by James Giese

After starting a half hour late following an extended closed-door executive meeting, the Greenbelt City Council tackled the city manager's proposed budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009. They disposed of it quickly thereafter with tentative decisions at the final budget worksession on May 21. The upshot was a slightly bigger budget than initially proposed (\$17,700 more) with no increase in real property

Staff revisions of estimates for revenues and major expenses turned up most of the money council used to add expenses to the budget. Fees were increased for the inspection of apartments: 1) after determining that city fees were low as compared to those in other jurisdictions and 2) in order to hire another inspector so there could be full-time inspection at the Springhill Lake apartments.

While the tax rate will not increase for property owners, most Greenbelt homeowners who continue to live in the same house, including those living in the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. cooperative and condominium owners, can expect a property tax increase of about 10 percent. This results from the second-year phase-in of property assessment increases based upon last year's reassessment by the state of all property within the city.

For most Greenbelt properties these reassessments resulted in new values more than 30 percent greater than the previous assessments. Under state law assessment increases must be phased-in over a three-year period with no more than a 10 percent increase permitted in any one year. Home purchasers, however, do not benefit from the phase-in and are taxed at the home's full assessed value.

#### Previous Meetings

In a series of previous worksessions during the last two months, council heard budget presentations from each of the city departments and other interested parties, asked questions and made individual proposals for possible budget changes. Following the final budget worksession council held another formal public hearing on May 27. Final budget adoption and enactment of an appropriation ordinance are scheduled for council's June 2 meeting. Until final adoption it is still possible for council to make changes on any budget matter even though tentative final decisions have already been made.

#### Mayor's Proposal

After giving councilmembers a chance to ask questions and to make proposals for budget changes, Mayor Judith Davis distributed copies of her proposed budget changes, titled J's Budget Proposal. This proposal included many changes council had discussed in previous worksessions plus some proposals of her own.

In general, most councilmembers were satisfied with the proposal. The major exception came from Councilmember Rodney Roberts, who objected to the proposal because it increased taxes. He considered the proposal to increase fees for apartment inspections to be a tax.

He also objected because the proposal would provide for added personnel, a continued expense in future years. (Davis, in her proposal, had noted those expenses and had added revenues that would carry on into future

Davis asked Roberts if he had a plan of his own. She indicated that she thought he said he would offer one. But Roberts said he had no plan and did not support any additions to the budget.

Councilmember Leta Mach said that Davis' plan should reflect staff estimates for the increased apartment inspection fees. Following her comment \$100 was added to the Davis proposal of

Mach also asked Director of Planning and Community Development Celia Craze how soon she could add another inspector.

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# News Review Archives Are Now Available for Sale

by Joan Falcão

The most recent years of the Greenbelt News Review have been archived in electronic format, beginning with the January 17, 2002, issue through the end of 2007. These are the print-quality PDF files sent to the newspaper publisher and will now be offered for sale in either a CD or a DVD format as a fundraising project. They will be available during Sunday's Artful Afternoon in the News Review office.

Minor editing to make the archives more readable has been performed, such as removing registration marks and color bars. In the past, when an issue was unusally large it was divided into multiple PDF files. These files have been reunited so that each newspaper issue is a single file. Unfortunately, the Co-op Supermarket ads were not archived and are not included; however, this is being addressed for 2008 issues.

The PDF files, one per issue, are quite large. Most files are in the 4-10 megabyte range. The largest PDF file, at close to 25 megabytes, is the issue chronicling the 2006 Labor Day celebration in photos.

This archive has print-quality photos and is fully searchable. Instructions for searching these PDF files are included in this archive in a file named "SearchingWithAcrobatReader. htm" in the "NewsReviewArchive" directory.

The PDF files are organized into directories named for each calendar year; e.g., "GNR\_2007." One may access newspaper issues by exploring these directories or by using the html-format (browser) menu. For information contact info@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

# Library of County History Official Opening Is May 31

by Virginia Beauchamp

Present at the official Greenbelt opening of the Frederick S. DeMarr Library of County History on Saturday, May 31 will be the sister and brother of the late collector of county books and memorabilia for whom the facility is named - Louise Tatspaugh of Hyattsville and Robert DeMarr, who is coming from his home in Florida. They will participate in the ribbon-cutting ceremony, to take place around 3 p.m. at the doorway of the two-room suite that houses the relocated and newly-refurbished library on branch of the Prince George's County Library.

Previously the DeMarr library occupied a basement space at Marietta, the home in Glenn Dale of early 19th-century Supreme Court Justice Gabriel Duvall. Now owned by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, the Duvall home still houses an office for the Prince George's County Historical Society, which owns and

supervises the library.

Saturday afternoon's events will begin with a reception and book signing at 1 p.m. in Room 201 of the Greenbelt Community Center. Some 13 authors or editors of books of local history have been invited to attend and to talk briefly about their works, which will be available for purchase and signing.

Among these will be two books relating to Greenbelt -"Greenbelt: History of a New Town, 1937-1987," with its 1997 supplement, published respecthe lower level of the Greenbelt tively in relation to the 50th and 60th anniversaries of the city's founding and Cathy D. Knepper's "Greenbelt, Maryland: A Legacy of the New Deal."

Husband and wife team Margaret Law Callcott and George Callcott will talk about their works on the diverse history of property once owned by the George Calverts of Riversdale - her edition of the letters of his

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#### **What Goes On**

Friday, May 30 through Sunday, June 1 -

Greenbelt Day Weekend

Monday, June 2

8 p.m., Regular City Council Meeting/Adoption of the Budget, Municipal Building

Wednesday, June 4

7:30 p.m., Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Community Center, Room 103

8 p.m., City Council Worksession with Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Board (Stakeholder), Community Center

# Letters

#### Outta Scope Benefit Saturday Cancelled

The New Deal Café regrets the cancellation of the Outta Scope FONDCA benefit concert this Saturday at the Café. Our apologies to the fans of those talented NASA scientists and musicians and we plan on rescheduling them later this summer.

The kitchen renovations are complete and we are now waiting for our inspections and final approvals this week and next! Chef Karim and Maria are busy cleaning and will soon be training staff in preparation for opening. We will be sure to let you all know when the Grand Opening will occur with a nice ad in the News Review. Be sure to come out June 6 and 7 for the 5th Annual Greenbelt Blues Festival!

Thanks to everyone for your patience, we are almost there!

Peter May, President NDC Board

#### Thanks, Marriott

On behalf of the residents of Green Ridge House, we thank the Marriott Hotel and Daryl Pennington for a beautiful afternoon and lunch at the Greenbelt Marriott.

On May 19 the residents of Green Ridge House were invited to lunch at the Marriott Hotel. We were treated like royalty by the Marriott staff. The lunch was delicious and the program was great. The musical interlude was beautiful and the weather cooperated.

We all enjoyed this wonderful afternoon and we thank everyone responsible for this great time.

Hazel Parent, President Green Ridge House Residents Assn.

Editor's Note: The Marriott partnered with the city's Greenbelt Assistance in Living program for Greenbelt's Older American Month celebration. Members of GIVES (Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service) were also included in the luncheon.

#### **Holy Cross Thrift Store**

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it does every year. A luncheon was served after that event as

#### Vietnam

Memorial Day celebrates veterans from all wars and conflicts but the motorcycle event from the start was directed toward those who fought in the Vietnam War.

Those under 40 years of age, while certainly respectful, probably wonder about this huge outpouring of emotion expressed annually for a distant and somewhat small conflict in a very far-off land. I have found that regardless of political affiliation or feelings about the efficacy of that conflict or of wars generally, those of my generation realized that a terrible injustice had been done to these particular veterans. As the country was literally torn apart politically over support or disdain for the war, some of the anti-war fervor was heaped onto the more than 500,000 service personnel serving in the war.

When the conflict ended, there were no parades and no celebrations of the sacrifices made by these mostly young and brave men as well as women nurses and support personnel. Recognition by President Reagan for those who served in Vietnam and the building of the Vietnam War Memorial marked a change in regard for those who served in that conflict.

I did not serve in Vietnam. although I was drafted into the service and served stateside from 1967-69. My personal respect for all who did serve in any conflict is immense. It was nice to spend a day with others who feel the same and were willing to express it in some small way.

#### Memorial

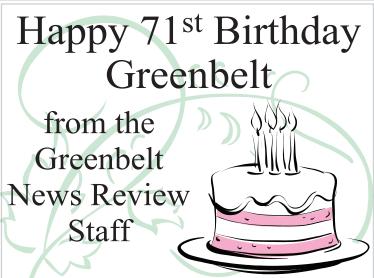
We got in the line that walked past the wall with its simple, un-illustrated listing of the more than 58,000 names of service personnel who died as a result of injuries received there. The path was nearly clogged with ribbons, flowers and various handcrafts tenderly placed at the base of the tablets containing the names of loved ones. Although you couldn't see all the tears that had been cried that day, you could feel them some 30-odd years after the casualties had ended. There were also official wreaths and other markings of remembrance placed in the grassy area by various military agencies and units and by veterans' groups.

It is satisfying today to see that perhaps the Vietnam conflict and the aftermath did, indeed, teach us at least one lesson. Even if you are most decidedly against the current conflict in Iraq, those who sacrificed their time with family and those who gave the supreme sacrifice should be celebrated, not vilified.

One T-shirt in particular expressed the sentiment well. Next to a picture of a soldier near the grave of a buddy were written the words "All Gave Some, Some Gave All."

Perhaps the younger generation will have a ride to a future memorial that will celebrate the sacrifices made by the mostly young service men and women fighting in Iraq and Afghani-







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#### Grin Belt



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#### On Screen

### "Sex" Comes to Our City

Sarah Jessica Parker, Kim Cattrall, Kristin Davis and Cynthia Nixon reprise their roles from the long-running HBO series in "Sex and the City," opening Friday across the country and in Old Greenbelt. The TV show followed Carrie Bradshaw's dating life (along with those of three women pals) in New York City; in the movie, she is finally ready to tie the knot.

The movie's creators went to great lengths to provide fans a satisfying coda to the popular TV show. After the series ended production, the desk used by Carrie Bradshaw was donated to the Smithsonian's permanent collection. The film's producers had to plead with the Smithsonian to borrow it back for the film. Rated R for nudity and language, the movie runs 148

- Cathy Jones

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> Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd. OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

# **Community Events**

#### At the Library

**Storytimes** 

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories:

Tuesday, June 3, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, June 4, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children for each group.

Thursday, June 5, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 children.

Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Children's Desk.

#### **GHI Notes**

Scheduled Meetings:

Tuesday, June 3, 7 p.m., Greener Greenbelt Initiative Meeting, Board Room

Wednesday, June 4, 7 p.m., Member & Community Relations Committee, GHI Lobby

Thursday, June 5, 7 to 9 p.m., Sustainable Design & Practices Committee, Board Room

Sunday, June 8, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation, Board

Thursday, June 12, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Special Meeting. Board Room

Saturday, June 14, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Yard Sale, GHI grounds

Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

#### **Brown Bag Food Registration Open**

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program is currently accepting applications for the Brown Bag Food Program. The Brown Bag Food Program is sponsored by the Capital Area Food Bank. Participants will receive a monthly distribution of canned goods, toiletries and nonperishable items on the third Tuesday of the month. Participants must be 55 years of age or older and reside within the Greenbelt City limits. Income guidelines do apply. Space is

For further details call Gloria Michelli at 240-542-2031.

#### **GAVA/GATE Stages Celebration June 7**

On Saturday, June 7 the GAVA/GATE Animation Program celebrates its first 10 years of producing animation classes for young people. As part of the anniversary celebration, there will be a free screening for the public at 11 a.m. that day at the Old Greenbelt Theatre in Roosevelt Center, which will cover highlights of the program's first 10 years. Program instructor George Kochell, who has been with the program since it started, will host the show.

The GAVA/GATE Animation Program is produced by the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA) and Greenbelt Access Television (GATE), both nonprofit community arts organizations, at GATE's studios in the Greenbelt Community Center. The anniversary celebration is supported by a grant from the Greenbelt Community Foundation.

#### **GEAC Meets**

The Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC) will hold its next meeting on Thursday, June 5 at Hunting Ridge at 7:30 p.m.

#### **Charitable Giving** Talk on Monday

On Monday, June 2 at 7 p.m., the Greenbelt Senior Citizen's Advisory Committee will host a "Not for Seniors Only" program on charitable giving.

Deputy Secretary of State Brian Moe will speak about the importance of giving wisely. The topics he will cover include the scope of charitable giving, registration requirements for charitable organizations, wise giving practices, resources available to donors, donors' rights and deceptive practices.

The Secretary of State's Charitable Organizations Divisions maintains a list of more than 7,000 registered charities throughout Maryland, providing detailed information on each of these charities including their mission, how much money they raise and how that money is allocated.

This presentation will be held at the Greenbelt Community Center in Room 114. All are welcome to attend. For more information call 240-542-2054.

#### **Farmers Market Opens** On Sunday, June 8

The Greenbelt Farmers Market, a new farmers market emphasizing locally grown foods, will open in Old Greenbelt in the west parking lot at Roosevelt Center at 10 a.m. on Sunday, June 8. Over half a dozen local farms, orchards and others will bring their offerings to market that day and every Sunday (except Labor Day weekend) through the end of October.

Over the course of the season, the market will feature tomatoes, corn, greens and other Maryland classics. Shoppers may also find watercress, fresh eggs, mixed baby salad greens, berries and peaches, among other items.

"This market is going to be a celebration of all the delicious things that grow right here, within 100 miles of our home," Greenbelt Farmers Market President Kim Kash said. "It's amazing how much food variety we have right here at our doorstep. Why buy produce shipped in from other parts of the world, when such beautiful food is grown right

#### **Parking Restricted**

There will be no parking in the central parking spaces on the west parking lot of Roosevelt Center from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays, to make room for the farmers market. Parking will be available at the periphery of the lot and in the front and rear lots of Roosevelt Center.

The Greenbelt Farmers Market is a producer-only market emphasizing locally grown produce and other foods. The market's 501(c)3 status is pending; it is supported in part by a grant from the Greenbelt Community Foundation.

For more information visit www.greenbeltfarmersmarket.org.

#### OLD GREENBELT **THEATRE WEEK OF May 30** Sex and the City (R) <u>Friday</u> \*4:30, 7:20, 9:55 Saturday \*1:30, \*4:30, 7:20, 9:55 Sunday \*1:30, \*4:30, 7:20 Monday - Thursday \*These shows at \$6.00 301-474-9744 • 301-474-9745 129 Centerway www.pgtheatres.com

#### **Greenbelt Baseball**

Major League Standings as of May 25

National League	$\underline{\text{W-L}}$	American League	W-L
Cardinals	10-0	Orioles	4-4
Indians	8-4	Giants	3-6
Yankees	5-6	Athletics	2-7
		Tigers	3-8

#### Major League Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	Games
Mon., June 2	6 p.m.	Indians vs. Cards
Tue., June 3	6 p.m.	Yankees vs. Giants
Wed., June 4	6 p.m.	Tigers vs. Athletics
Thur., June 5	6 p.m.	Yankees vs. Orioles
Fri., June 6	6 p.m.	Indians vs. Giants
Sat., June 7	10 a.m.	Cards vs. Athletics
Sat., June 7	1 p.m.	Orioles vs. Tigers

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Sympathy to Miriam Jacik of Plateau Place and her sister, for- Baker, choir mer Greenbelter Helen Jacik, now of Riderwood, on the death of their mother, also named Helen, of Pennsylvania.

#### Congratulations to:

- Sarah Rachel Betman, daughter of Susan Lesser of 18 Court Ridge Road and Danny Betman and his wife Mitzi of Laurel, who graduated on May 23, 2008, with a bachelor's degree in women's studies and a minor in Spanish from the University of Maryland in College Park. Sarah is a graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

- Greenbelt artist Elizabeth Morisette, who won the Jurors Award at the Bead International Show at the Dairy Barn in Athens, Ohio, for her "Sugar & Spice & Everything Nice" which will remain on display there until September 1. Morisette will be in her artist-in-residence studio at the Community Center for her farewell Artful Afternoon on Sunday. She and her husband Jeff, a member of ACE, are moving to Colorado with their family.



Greenbelt artist Elizabeth Morisett's award-winning Sugar & Spice & Everything Nice textile sculpture.

- Benjamin Garber, who attained the rank of Eagle Scout. He is the son of Olga and Jon Garber of Leesburg, Va., and the grandson of Leonie Penney of Greenbelt.

Air Force Airman 1st Class Rashid A. Bundu, who graduated from basic military training at Lackland AFB,



San Antonio, Texas. Bundu, a 2007 ERHS graduate, is the son of Binta Bundu of Springhill Drive.

We hope everyone saw the excellent article about Old Greenbelt in the real estate section of the Washington Post on Saturday, May 24. The informative, positive "Where We Live" article included interviews with residents and people working in the city. It also included a history of Greenbelt from its inception to the present.

Best wishes on their retirement go to two longterm Eleanor Roosevelt High School teachers who will be greatly missed:



Sundays 10 A.M. Municipal Building director and music department chair, is retiring after 30 years at ERHS.

Mark Fowler, auditorium manager for 30 years, will pursue retirement in Montana.

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new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. To send your information, email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

- Kathleen McFarland

#### In Memoriam

I was deeply saddened by the recent passing of another original Greenbelter, "Donnie" Wolfe. I always considered Donnie an icon. Having grown up in Greenbelt and also an original Greenbelter, as a young child I believed Donnie was a mentor to me as he was for many other young kids. He was my football coach and an inspiration to anyone who knew him. Although I hadn't seen Donnie for several years since we relocated to Delaware, he was often in my conversation whenever we (old Greenbelt friends) discussed growing up in Greenbelt and the good times we had. Our prayers are with his wife, family and his many friends at this time. It has been an honor to have known you, Donnie.

- Charles Howey

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### **GIVE THANKS**

Every breath that we breathe is a blessing from God and we learn from the Prophet Solomon (peace be upon him) to recognize these blessings each day. The Holy Qur'an tells us how he never

forgot to be thankful to God. He is quoted to have said, "This is by the grace of my Lord, to test me whether I am grateful or ungrateful! And if any is grateful, it is (a gain) for his own soul; but if any is ungrateful, truly my Lord is free of all needs, supreme in honor" - The Holy Qur'an, 27:40

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#### Week of MAY 30

FRI. - SAT.
Speed Racer, PG
11, 2:20, 5, 7:45, 10:30
Iron Man, R
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8:10, 10:30

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# City Information

#### **GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL**

Municipal Building

Regular Meeting/Adoption of the FY 2009 Budget Monday, June 2, 2008 – 8:00 p.m.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

#### **LEGISLATION**

Adoption of the Budget

An Ordinance to Adopt the General Fund, Building Capital Reserve Fund, Cemetery Fund, Debt Service Fund, Replacement Fund, Special Projects Fund, Green Ridge House Fund, Capital Projects Fund, 2001 Bond Fund, and Community Development Block Grant Fund Budgets for the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to Appropriate Funds and Establish Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Rates for the Fiscal Year 2009 Beginning July 1, 2008 and Including June 30, 2009 (1st Reading, Suspension of the Rules, 2nd Reading & Adoption)

the Rules, 2nd Reading & Adoption)

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 12, "Parks and Recreation" of the Greenbelt City Code in Order to Revise Section 12-17, "Membership" for the Purpose of Changing the Size of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board (2nd Reading)

A Resolution to Negotiate the Purchase and Installation of a Surveillance Camera System for the Aquatic & Fitness Center with Avrio Group Surveillance Solutions, Inc., of Easton, Maryland, at a Cost of \$27,041 (1st Reading)

A Resolution to Repeal Resolution Number 1015 and Establish Service Charges for Garbage, Trash, and Recycling Collections in the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, Effective July 1, 2008 (1st Reading)

#### OTHER BUSINESS

Voluntary Agreement regarding News Racks – Approval Provision of Aquatic & Fitness Center passes to GVFD volunteers Aquatic & Fitness Center Passes – Special Rate for Advisory Group Members

Program Open Space 2009 Annual Program

\* Items on the Consent Agenda, indicated by an asterisk, will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10 a.m. on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail the Acting City Clerk at dmoran@greenbeltmd.gov.

#### **MEETINGS FOR JUNE 2 - 6**

Monday, June 2nd, 8pm, **REGULAR MEETING/BUDGET ADOPTION** at the Municipal Building.

Wednesday, June 4th, 7:30pm, **GREENBELT ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD MEETING** at the Community Center, Room 103. On the agenda: discussion of the pedestrian/bicycle path.

Wednesday, June 4th, 8pm, **WORK SESSION** – **GHI BOARD** (stakeholder) at the Community Center.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call the number listed above, or contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or at dmoran@greenbeltmd.gov.

#### VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups.

Vacancies exist on the: Arts Advisory Board, Park & Recreation
Advisory Board, Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee,
Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, Youth Advisory Committee
For more info call 301-474-8000.

#### FARMERS MARKET

A portion of the Roosevelt Center Parking lot (behind Curves and the Credit Union) will be closed off on Sunday from 7am - 3pm beginning June 8th for the Greenbelt Farmers Market.



# **Greenbelt Day Weekend**

Friday, May 30 - Sunday, June 1

Come celebrate Greenbelt's 71st Anniversary!

SATURDAY, MAY 31

Youth Sprint Triathlon

10am at the Youth Center

**Daddy Daughter Dance** 6pm - 9pm at the Community Center



#### **SUNDAY, JUNE 1**

Artful Afternoon at the Community Center

1pm – 3pm -- Community Quilt Workshop 2pm -- Tales of the Tombstone Whisperer

3pm -- Greenbelt Concert Band

Be sure to visit **www.greenbeltmd.gov** for a complete listing of events for Greenbelt Day Weekend, including the Greenbelt baseball schedule, Aquatic Center times, and museum exhibitions.

### GREENBELT MUNICIPAL /PUBLIC ACCESS NOW ON COMCAST 71 & VERIZON 21

**MUNICIPAL ACCESS:** 301-474-8000: Monday, June 2nd at 8pm -- Regular City Council Meeting (live). Tuesday and Thursday, June 3rd and 5th at 6pm -- "Ask the Expert," 7pm -- "Greenbelt's Galaxy," 7:30pm -- Replay of Regular City Council Meeting.

**PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE)**: 301-507-6581: Wednesday and Friday, June 4th and 6th. Call for schedule.

#### Notice of Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2008-1

At its regular meeting of May 12, 2008, the City Council adopted a resolution to amend the City Charter. As required by state law, this resolution will be posted in its entirety for 40 days, until June 21, at the Municipal Building, as well as on the City's Web site at www.greenbeltmd.gov. A copy may also be requested of the City Clerk. The charter amendment will be effective on July 1, 2008, unless a proper petition to submit the amendment to the voters on a referendum is filed as permitted by law. This notice is given to provide a fair summary of the resolution, as also required by state law.

A Resolution . . . to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt . . . by Amending Paragraph (d), "Powers," of Section 12, Titled "Employee Relations Board" to Provide that the Employee Relations Board be Empowered to Hear Grievances Arising out of Collective Bargaining Agreements: Subsequent to a referendum question on the ballot of the 2005 City election, the City Council amended the City Code to include a Labor Code for the purpose of recognizing the right of certain police officers to organize and bargain collectively. The Labor Code requires that all collective bargaining agreements (CBAs) must include a grievance procedure containing a provision for binding decision by the City's Employee Relations Board (ERB). Since the existing powers of the ERB in grievance procedures were limited to making recommendations to the City Council, it was necessary to amend the charter to enable the ERB to address grievances arising out of CBAs as required by the Labor Code.

For additional information, contact David E. Moran, Acting City Clerk, at 301-474-8000 or dmoran@greenbeltmd.gov.

Tickets are now on sale for the

#### 2nd ANNUAL DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE SATURDAY, MAY 31, 6-9PM

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### BUDGET continued from page 1

Craze said realistically one could not be hired for another three months. Mach then proposed budgeting that position for threequarters of a year instead of the half-year Davis had proposed, thereby reducing the size of the funds Davis had proposed adding to the city reserves. Davis agreed to this change.

#### **Police Vehicle**

With these two revisions, all members but Roberts expressed satisfaction with the Davis proposal. City Manager Michael McLaughlin commended Davis for her proposal but objected to deleting the replacement of a police vehicle. McLaughlin had proposed replacing eight vehicles.

Councilmember Konrad Herling suggested keeping that replacement in the budget and reducing Davis' proposal for purchase of 10 additional Toughbook laptop computers. After discussion, it was agreed that nothing would change but that the city manager would have flexibility to make budgetary changes during the fiscal year.

After Davis received commendations from other councilmembers (except Roberts) and the city manager, the meeting was adjourned. Herling commented that to make these changes without a tax increase was pretty impressive.

Councilmember Edward Putens commended the mayor on achieving the shortest final budget worksession on record. Whether it was that or not, the worksession lasted only about an hour and 15 minutes.

#### In and Out

(For details see adjacent table.)

Council-approved budget revisions include an increased staff estimate for the yield from the city hotel/motel tax and a decreased staff estimate for interest earned on city investments. A \$61,100 payment that had been anticipated from AIMCO to pay toward the cost of a police officer in Springhill Lake was deleted because of the expected sale of the apartment project.

Also added was \$10,500 for a contribution from Beltway Plaza to be applied toward the cost of a police officer. Council added increased fees for apartment inspections and for commercial licenses. These changes netted added revenues of \$29,900.

For expenditures, staff had advised council there would be savings in costs for funding city pensions and in the cost of providing insurance coverage. Council approved a \$100 savings by closing the Community Center on Thanksgiving and Christmas and a \$23,000 savings by eliminating replacement of one police vehicle. On the other hand, council added funds for School Resource Officers, an assistant in the Public Information Office (one-half year), an apartment inspector (threefourths year) and a part-time animal shelter assistant. Other additions included costs for printing a four-page newsletter, overtime police coverage at Beltway Plaza, playground surface materials and donations to the Washington Ear and Meals on Wheels.

Also added was an increased contribution to the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and, for the first time, contributions to

#### **Tentative Budget Revisions** Approved at Worksession

(The following additions and deletions to various city budget accounts were agreed to by a majority of the Greenbelt City Council at its May 21 Final Budget rksession. These changes could be revised by the city council prior to the final adoption of the budget scheduled for June 2

REVENUES	In dollars	Expenditure Additions	In dollars
Additions		For School Resource Officers	20,000
		Assistant to Public Information office (beginning	
Increase inspection fees for rental properties	72,100	January for 1/2 year)	30,000
Increase commercial license fees	18,400	Apartment inspector (beginning in October for 3/4	,
Beltway Plaza contribution towards a police officer	10,500	year)	45,000
Added yield from hotel/motel tax	25,000	Part-time assistant for animal shelter	15,000
		Cost of printing 4 page quarterly newsletter	3,500
Total added	126,000	Provide overtime police coverage at Beltway Plaza	20,000
		Additional surface materials for playgrounds	4,000
Reductions		Increased contributions for Washington Ear and	
		Meals on Wheels (\$400 each to bring each	
Interest on investments reduction - revised estimate	35,000	contribution to \$1,400)	800
Loss of AIMCO payment on partnership officer		Increased contribution to Greenbelt Volunteer Fire	
Assumes new owner will not contribute	61,100	Department	30,000
		New contribution to West Lanham Hills Volunteer	
Total reductions	96,100	Fire Department (provides first run to Greenbelt	
		East)	5,000
Net revenue increase	<u> 29,900</u>	New contributions to volunteer fire departments	
		first run to Greenbelt West (2 companies to split)	5,000
EXPENDITURES		Buy 10 more Toughbook laptop computers for police	70,000
		For supplies for CERT (Community Emergency	
Reductions		Response Team)	2,500
		To mark additional crosswalks	15,000
Eliminate opening Community Center on Thanks-			
giving and Christmas	100	Total additions	265,800
Reduced pension costs - revised estimate	75,000		
Reduced insurance costs revised estimate	150,000	Net expenditure increase	<u>17,700</u>
Eliminate replacement of 1 police vehicle	23,000		
Total reductions	248,100	Net excess revenues over expenditures due to	
		budget revisions - to be added to city reserves	12,200

other fire companies providing first-run service to parts of Greenbelt. Ten more Toughbook laptop computers and supplies for the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) were also added, as well as funds for marking additional crosswalks.

The net increase in expenditures was \$17,700. The \$12,200 excess of revenues over expenditures will be added to the city reserves to provide for unforeseen emergencies.



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#### Robbery

May 16, 9:35 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, a woman was approached from behind by two men, one armed with a knife, the other with a handgun. They forcibly took her purse and fled the scene. The suspects are described as two black males, each 5'4", wearing black masks, hats and jackets.

#### Handgun Offense

May 17, 10:14 p.m., the Beltway and Baltimore/Washington Parkway, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with transporting a handgun in a vehicle, driving while impaired, driving under the influence, failure to obey a traffic device and other traffic violations. He was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

#### **Drug Arrests**

May 14, 9:18 p.m., Greenbelt Road and Walker Drive, a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia. He was released on citation pending trial.

May 15, 5:32 p.m., 6100 block Cherrywood Lane, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and trespass and a nonresident youth was arrested for possession of drug distribution paraphernalia, resisting arrest, second-degree assault and trespass. The youth was released to a parent pending trial. The adult, who was also found to have an open arrest warrant with the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department, was released on citations to the Department of Corrections for service of the warrant.

May 22, 2:44 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway, a resident youth and a nonresident youth were arrested for possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia and trespass. Both were released to parents pending action by the juvenile justice system.

#### **Suspicious Activity**

May 16, 3:04 a.m., Walker and Capitol Drives, police responded to a report of several people disturbing guests at the Marriott Courtyard. An officer located one person just outside the hotel entrance. As police began speaking with him, he fled the area on foot. The officer and Beltway Plaza (CDs, broken chased the person on foot toward windows).

#### Man Pleads Guilty In 2007 Homicide

Keon Effon Francis, 19, of New Carrollton pled guilty in Circuit Court to first-degree murder and use of a handgun during the commission of a felony. The murder of Emmanuel Reginald Etheridge, 33, of Laurel occurred March 17, 2007, at Greenway Center.

Francis was sentenced to life in prison with all but 20 years suspended.

Capitol Drive. He was last seen running toward the silt pond between Capitol Drive and Greenbelt Road. After being unable to locate him, the Fire Department Dive Team responded to search the pond but no one was found. The suspect who ran is described as a black male with black hair in dreadlocks, wearing blue jeans and a blue or black coat.

#### **Trespass**

May 16, 7:58 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with trespass. He was released on citation pending trial.

May 21, 3:30 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway, a nonresident man and a nonresident youth were arrested and charged with trespass. The youth was released to a parent pending trial and the adult was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

#### Vehicle Crimes

Two vehicles were reported stolen: a beige 2001 Toyota Camry 4-door, Maryland tags 4CJM66 from the 5800 block Cherrywood Lane; and a 1992 Acura Legend 4-door from the 9200 block Edmonston Road.

Three vehicles were recovered by Greenbelt police with no arrests made.

Theft from and vandalism to vehicles were reported in the following areas: 6900 block Hanover Parkway (GPS unit, air let out of tire); 7700 block Hanover Parkway (purse, CD player); 8100 block Bird Lane (tag); 7200 block Greenway Center Drive (GPS unit); 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive (GPS unit): 6100 block Cherrywood Lane (purse); 7800 Walker Drive (GPS unit):

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May 2008

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As in the past, I would like to emphasize strongly that you do not accept any solicitations over the telephone from persons identifying themselves as members and/or representatives of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Inc. We only ask for donations through the mail for our annual general fund drive.

As always, we are looking for dependable people interested in becoming members. We accept applications from the age of 13 years to become Junior Associates, 16 years and above to become Fire/EMS members. For more information about the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Inc. call us at 301-345-7000.

Again, I would like to thank you for your very important past support and continued support in our current general fund drive.

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wife, "Mistress of Riversdale: The Plantation Letters of Rosalie Stier Calvert, 1795-1821" and Callcott's 1966 and 2005 histories of the University of Maryland at College Park, which developed from an earlier college founded by the Calverts' son Charles.

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The county itself has been featured in books by Denny, by Carolyn Corpening Rowe, Jane Taylor Thomas and Beverly Babin Woods and by Susan Pearl, as well as in a photographic history by Stephanie Stullich and Katherine Bryant.

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# Local Artists Jackson, Walker Exhibit Works at New Deal Café

The work of two artists will be on display at the New Deal Café throughout June, featuring art by Joseph Jackson and photography by Sarah Walker. There will be an opening reception on Sunday, June 1 from 7 to 9 p.m. Refreshments will be served courtesy of Friends of the New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA). Bring a friend, meet the artists and view their work.

A resident of Prince George's County, Joseph Jackson has been an artist, illustrator and photographer since 1979. He enrolled in commercial art classes in vocational high school. After graduating he moved from southwest Pennsylvania to Maryland. He attended the University of the District of Columbia and received an associate's degree in graphic design. As an art student he studied several styles: African cloth painting, rubber-stamp art, Indian paper sculpture and screen printing.

Jackson then volunteered to teach at senior citizens' facilities and in after-school programs. As a member of the Greenbelt Photography Club he has exhibited with the group and the club has invited him to demonstrate matting and framing techniques. Jackson also has taken many art classes at the Greenbelt Community Center and has exhibited his work in the center and at the Greenbelt Arts Center.

His art has been viewed throughout the Washington metro area and in many foreign countries

Jackson believes fun drives artistic creation and is always seeking new ideas and techniques. His exhibit "Dancing" will be displayed at the New Deal Café during June. The exhibit focuses on the beauty that dancing brings into people's lives. The works will show several dance styles in various art mediums/techniques including oils, watercolors, mixed media, computer graphics, rubber stamps and photography.

#### Sarah Walker

Even as a child, Sarah Walker's perfectionist streak caused her trouble. She often discarded her drawings in irritation and condemned them to the trash for failing to live up to the visions in her head. Years later when her artistic energies turned to photography, the chance to endlessly manipulate an image was a large part of the appeal.

"Photography allows me to capture a reflection of the existing world and share it with others," says Walker, whose show of nature photography debuts in the month of June at the New Deal Café.

While portrait and wedding photography has helped to hone her eye and sustain her professional growth as a photographer, capturing and interpreting the natural world is Walker's passion. Many of the images in the New Deal series were shot during a cross-country journey she took with a friend, touring several national parks. The beauty of the American landscape inspired her but capturing the texture and feel of these distinct locales was no easy task. "It's a challenge to transform a three-dimensional world into a two-dimensional piece of art," says Walker. "The art is in capturing not just the scene but the moment and how that moment feels."

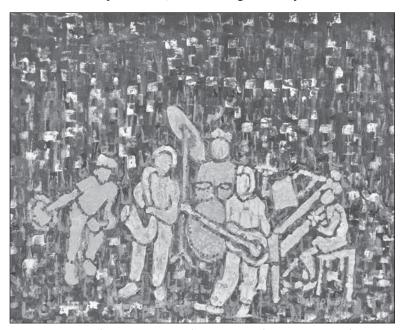
Shooting in more than a dozen national parks, Walker has hiked many miles and logged more than a few backaches to get the shots she now calls her "babies." While shooting photos of Australian flying foxes for the National Aquarium in Baltimore, Walker actually climbed into an enclosure with these giant bats with a wingspan of up to five feet. Part of the joy of nature photography, she says, is the chance to feel closer to the natural world.

A favorite image of Walker's husband Mike is a photograph shot while she was crossing a mountain range in Yosemite National Park, an expansive image of mountains, grassland and sky. Pausing in that moment to set up the shot, she

says, was a feeling that's hard to describe. "I couldn't believe how lucky I was," she said. "It's hard to talk about something like that without talking about a Higher Spirit."

While Walker's photos of Yosemite and other moments of inspiration in U.S. parks are on display, her more commercial work is online at www.sarahlane-photography.com.

These art exhibits are sponsored by FONDCA and are made possible in part by support from the City of Greenbelt and Prince George's County.



Joseph Jackson's works use various art mediums and techniques.



Sarah Walker's photographs were shot during a cross-country tour of several national parks.

#### To the Citizens of Greenbelt:

As has been reported in this paper, the City of Greenbelt has been contacted by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) raising concerns about the City's election system. Realizing this topic is of great interest to the Greenbelt community, we, the City Council, wanted to provide an update on the matter.

On February 29, 2008, the City of Greenbelt received a letter from Deborah A. Jeon, Legal Director of the Maryland Foundation of the ACLU on behalf of the ACLU and the Prince George's County Branch of the NAACP. As stated, it was "to register our concerns about the City of Greenbelt's municipal election system, and to offer to collaborate ... to undertake reform that will make the system a fairer and more inclusive one, fully representative of Greenbelt's racially diverse citizenry." (The full text of the letter was published in the March 27, 2008, edition of the Greenbelt News Review).

The letter goes on to say that "in order for City government to keep pace with its changing population, to truly serve its residents, and to meet its obligation under the federal Voting Rights Act", the City should "consider changing its election system." The letter closes by noting "there are different reform options to address this problem." While mentioning that courts have directed changes to single-member districts, the letter also notes that there are "other alternative systems, such as cumulative voting or preference voting, that would achieve compliance with the Voting Rights Act while retaining the at-large election structure."

Since the February 28 letter, there has been one meeting, April 8, between representatives of the ACLU and NAACP, the City Manager and the City Solicitor to open communications. At that meeting, it was stated that the Council was committed to listening to the concerns and had an open mind on the matter. It was explained that Council would want to hold a public work session on this matter but it might take some time to arrange as the Council was in the middle of its annual budget review. The groups understood this situation, but hoped a meeting could be set before the end of May.

A work session was set for May 28, but soon after that, a third group, FairVote, began arranging for a community forum on the topic. The work of FairVote was outside of the discussions between the ACLU, the NAACP, and the City.

As it has turned out, both FairVote's community forum and the work session were postponed at the request of FairVote and the ACLU, respectively. A new date of June 30, 2008, has been set for the work session. We encourage all Greenbelters to attend the work session and hear and react to the concerns being raised by the ACLU and the NAACP.

Our community pledge reflects Council's approach to this important matter: "The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate people of many cultures, faiths, and races living together. By sharing together all are enriched. We pledge to foster a community which is respectful, safe, and fair for all people."

In that spirit, we are committed to listening to what the NAACP and the ACLU have to say with an open mind to make Greenbelt the best community it can be. Thank you for your interest in this very important matter.

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